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APART FROM THE SATELLITE FEED OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH TO THE WORLD, WHICH WAS USED IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH A FRENCH VOICE-OVER, "JOURNAL TELEVISE" ADDED USIS PHTOS AND NEWSPAPER COMMENTARY (SEE DAKAR USINFO, JANUARY 20) TOVFLESH OUT A FIFTEEN MINUTE REPORT ON THE INAUGURATION.

NEWS OF THE INAUGURATION WAS THE FIRST ITEM FOR THE PRIME-TIME NEWS BROADCAST JANUARY 20 -- PRE-EMPTING THE EXPECTED PRIMACY OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'SHRETURN FROM EUROPE, A MINISTERIAL ADDRESS, AND OTHER NATIONAL NEWS. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS POSED TO MR. SENGHOR DURING A FILMED AIRPORT ARRIVAL INTERVIEW CONCERNED THE NEW PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION. THAT PART OF THE INTERVIEW, IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT EXPOUNDED ON THE PROGRESS OF RACIAL INTEGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES, HIS HOPES UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SENEGAL, AND HIS BELIEF THAT ANDREW YOUNG'S APPOINTMENT TO THE U.N. FORETELLS A HEIGHTENED AMERICAN INTEREST IN AFRICA, WAS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE INAGURATION BROADCAST. IN DISCUSSING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS, THE TWO TELEVISION COMMENTATORS CHARACTERIZED THE ENSEMBLE AS "NOT BRILLIANT, BUT SOLID...WITH THEIR FEET ON THE

GROUND." THE COMMENTATORS PAID SPECIAL NOTE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A BLACK AS SECRETARY OF THE ARMY IN LIGHTLY DISCUSSING THE US VS. USSR ARMS CONTROVERSY. AND, OF COURSE, THEY NOTED THE DEPARTURE OF "DEAR HENRY" KISSINGER IN A QUICK LOOK AT THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE. ALL OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE PART OF A LARGER, RATHER SUPERFICIAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS THAT MR. CARTER WILL HAVE TO FACE. ITEM

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